GHANA

Ghana National Association for the Elderly
c/o Department of Social Welfare
P.O. Box N 230
Accra
Ghana

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

Other members: Ministry of Health

NATURE: Governmental and non-governmental

FUNCTIONS:

Ageing-specific functions include policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; training; and surveys.

GREECE

Elderly Protection Division
Ministry of Health, Welfare and Social Security
17 Aristotelous Street
P.C. 10187
Athens
Greece Telephone: 524-8225

HEADED BY: Mr. Georgiadi Efi, Director

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Health, Welfare and Social Security

NATURE: Governmental and non-governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Social Security participates in the formulation of plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; training; and research in collaboration with various institutes including the National Social Research Center, Accidents Hospital, Orthopaedic University Clinic and faculties of architecture, law and sociology.

Social research topics include: the environment; socio-medical needs; violence against the elderly; the functioning of the Greek KAPI system of care; and participation for and by the elderly.

The Ministry exchanges information with other national coordinating mechanisms of the member States of the European Economic Community.

GUATEMALA

Comité Nacional de Protección a la Vejez
(National Committee for the Protection of Ageing)
Dirección general de Servicios de Salud
9a. Ave 14-65, zona 1
Guatemala City
Guatemala

HEADED BY: Dr. Francisco José Arenas, President

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Public Health

Other members: Cerontological Association of Guatemala

GUINEA

Section chargée de l'application de la politique de protection sociale du troisième âge
(Group in Charge of the Implementation of Social Welfare Policies for the Third Age)
Ministère des affaires sociales et de l'emploi
Département des affaires sociales de l'emploi
Conakry
Guinea

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

To coordinate research in order to define the extent of the needs of the elderly and integrate them into society.

To undertake activities for the protection and the welfare of the elderly.

HUNGARY

Society for Safeguarding the Interests of Ageing*
c/o Permanent Mission of Hungary to the International Organizations in Vienna
Bankgasse 4-6
1010 Vienna
Austria

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

*The Society for Safeguarding the Interests of Ageing is in the process of being established in the context of a reorganization of the government organs dealing with ageing.

ICELAND

Division on Ageing
Commission of Ageing
Ministry of Health
Laugavegi 116
15-150 Reykjavik
Iceland

Telephone: 354-1-28455

HEADED BY: Ms. Steinunn Sigurdardottir, Chairperson

ENQUIRIES: Mr. Hrafn Palsson, Chief of Division

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Health

Other members: Ministry of Social Affairs

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The Commission of Ageing participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; and advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly.

The Commission exchanges information with national coordinating mechanisms in the Nordic countries.

INDIA

Ministry of Welfare
Secretary to the Government of India
Shastri Bhavan
New Delhi-110001
India

Telephone: 382 683
Telex: 31-66256 MSW-IN

HEADED BY: Mr. S. S. Varma, Secretary of Welfare, Government of India

ENQUIRIES: Ms. Asha Das, Joint Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of Welfare

SPONSORING MINISTRY: Ministry of Welfare

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The Ministry of Welfare participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; and research. the Ministry of Welfare has the nodal responsibility with respect to the aged.

The Ministry corresponds with United Nations agencies and coordinates activities with state Governments.

INDONESIA

Indonesian Permanent Working Group for the Welfare of the Ageing
c/o Coordinator Minister of People's Welfare
Jl. Merdeka Barat No. 3
Jakarta Pusat
Indonesia

HEADED BY: The Director-General for the Development of Social Welfare
Ministry of Social Affairs

COMPOSITION:

The Indonesian Permanent Working Group for the Welfare of the Ageing is a non-structural and multi-sectoral body consisting of:

Officers in charge of all departments and other linked units
Non-governmental organizations
Social organizations
Experts

An organizational chart is provided below.

FUNCTIONS:

The main function of the Working Group is to help the Coordinator Minister of People's Welfare in the formulation of integrated policies for the welfare of the ageing.

Fields of team work: social services, geriatrics, education, and sociocultural and psycho-social team work.

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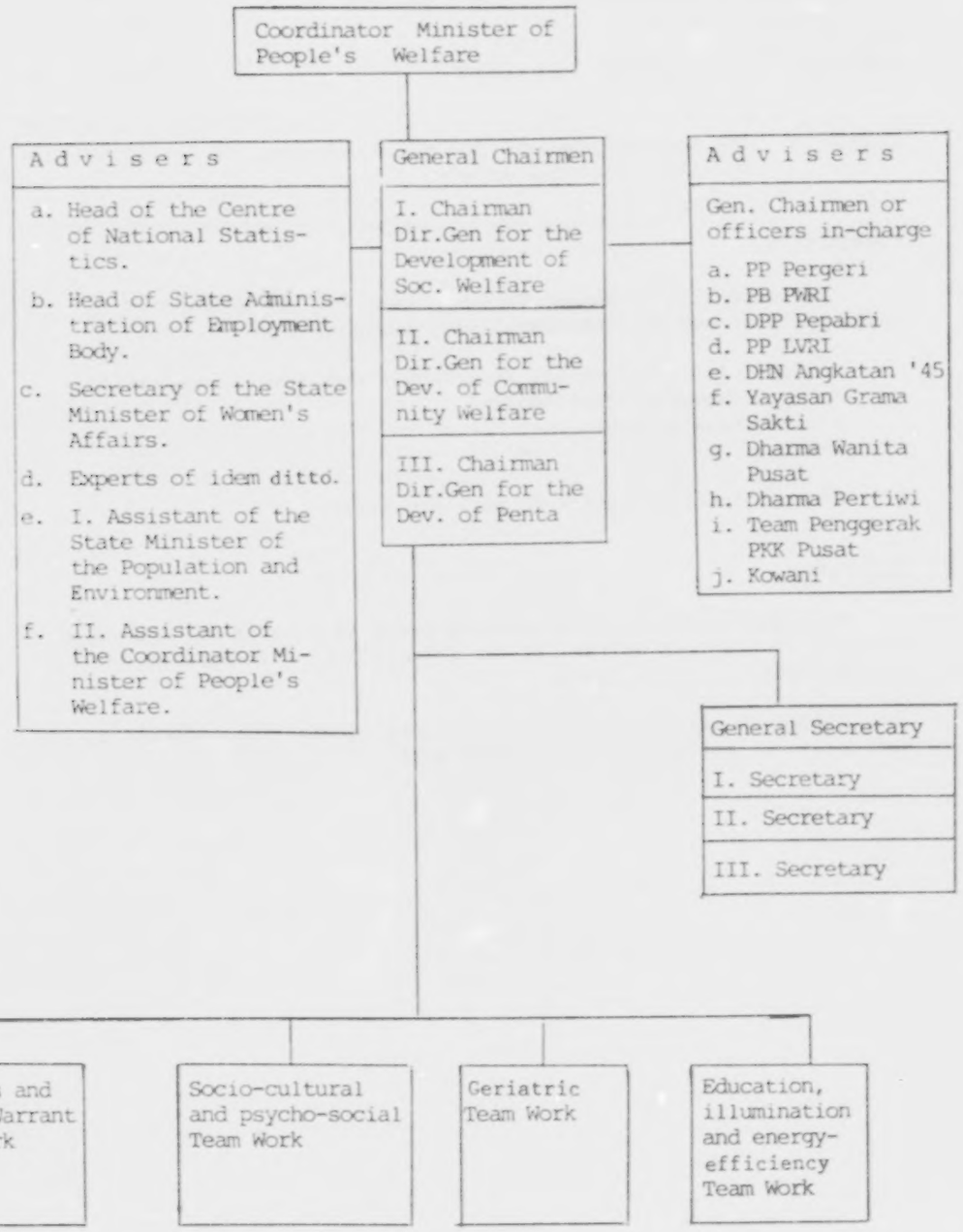

Coordinator Minister of People's Welfare
Advisers
a. Head of the Centre of National Statistics.
b. Head of State Administration of Employment Body.
c. Secretary of the State Minister of Women's Affairs.
d. Experts of idem dittó.
e. I. Assistant of the State Minister of the Population and Environment.
f. II. Assistant of the Coordinator Minister of People's Welfare.
General Chairmen
I. Chairman Dir.Gen for the Development of Soc. Welfare
II. Chairman Dir.Gen for the Dev. of Community Welfare
III. Chairman Dir.Gen for the Dev. of Penta
Advisers
Gen. Chairmen or officers in-charge
a. PP Pergeri
b. PB PWRI
c. DPP Pepabri
d. PP LVRI
e. DHN Angkatan '45
f. Yayasan Grama Sakti
g. Dharma Wanita Pusat
h. Dharma Pertiwi
i. Team Penggerak PKK Pusat
j. Kowani
General Secretary
I. Secretary
II. Secretary
III. Secretary
Services and Social Warrant Team Work
Socio-cultural and psycho-social Team Work
Geriatric Team Work
Education, illumination and energy-efficiency Team Work

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Welfare Organization
Shahid Fayazbakhsh Street
Teheran
Islamic Republic of Iran Telephone: 672001-9

HEADED BY: Dr. M. Yarigarravesh, Head

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Health and Medical Education

FUNCTIONS:

The Welfare Organization participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; training; research; and maintenance of reference centres.

IRAQ

National Committee for Old Age
Institute of Nutrition
Ministry of Health
Baghdad
Iraq

Telephone: 422-6016

HEADED BY: Dr. Sadon Khalifa

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Social Affairs

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The National Committee for Old Age participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; and research.

IRELAND

National Council for the Aged
Corrigan House
Fenian Street
Dublin 2
Ireland Telphone: 766484

HEADED BY: Mr. Bob Carroll, Secretary

COMPOSITION:

The National Council for the Aged advises the Minister for Health.

Other members: Department of Health
Department of the Environment
Department of Social Welfare

An organizational chart is provided below.

NATURE: Governmental and non-governmental

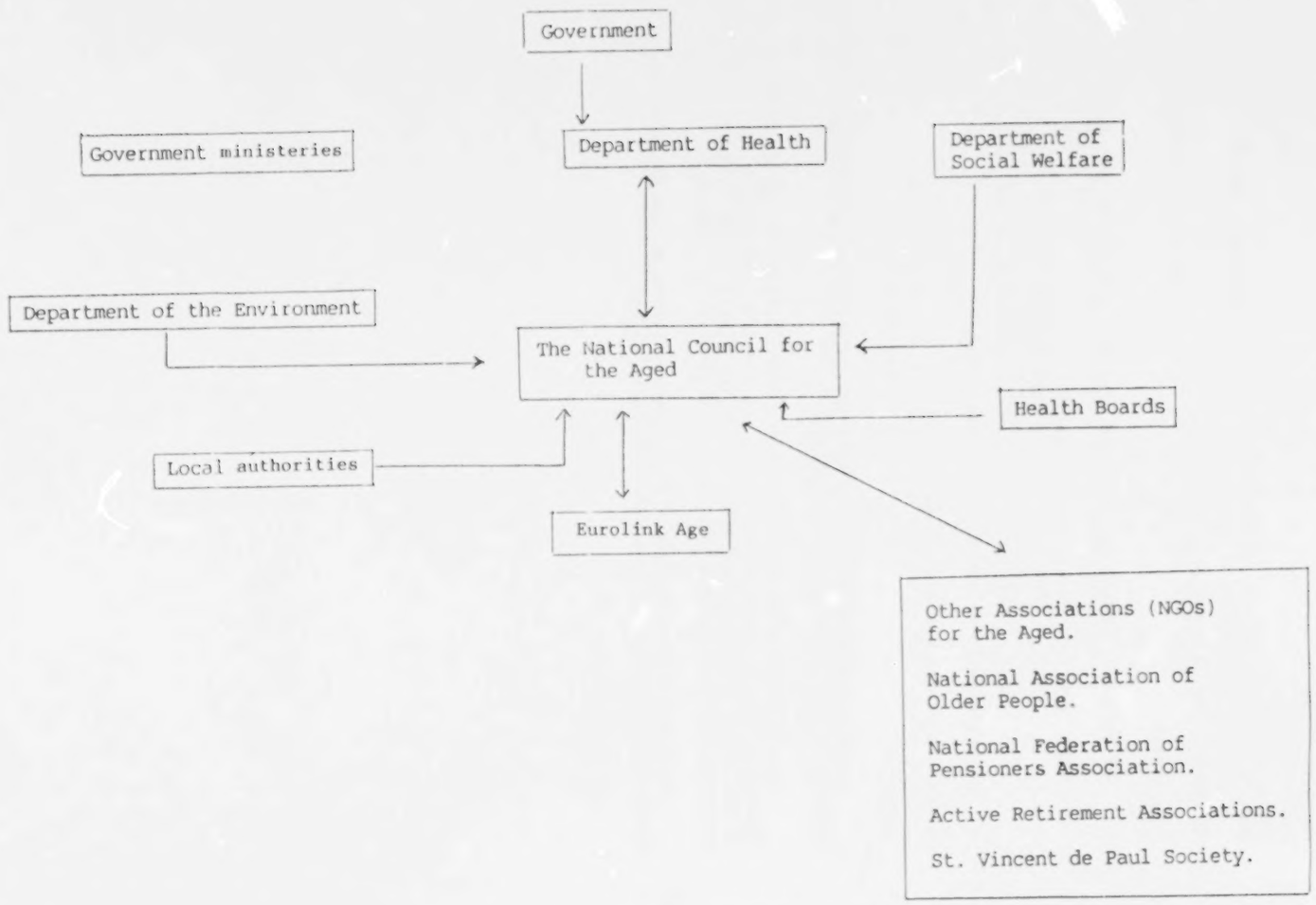
FUNCTIONS:

The National Council for the Aged participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific functions include: participation in policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; research; maintenance of a reference centre; and publication of studies.

Information is exchanged with the member States of the European Economic Community. The Council is a member of Eurolink Age.

ORGANIZATION CHART



ISRAEL

Services for the Aged
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
10 Yad Harutzim Street
Talpiot
Jerusalem 93420
Israel

Telephone: 02-708111/02-708170
Telefax: (972-2) 73 16 40

HEADED BY: Mr. Shinuel Friedman, Director of Services for the Aged

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Other member: Ministry of Planning

NATURE: Governmental and non-governmental (volunteer organizations)

FUNCTIONS:

The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; research; maintenance of a reference centre; publication of newsletters and studies; and training.

Information is exchanged with the national coordinating mechanisms of Greece, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States.

The Ministry also supervises institutional care.

ITALY

National Commission for the Problems of the Third Age
Division VI, General Directorate
Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare
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00187 Roma
Italy

Telephone: 4683/4211
Telex: 686292/613139
Telefax: 4819727 Via Flavia 6

HEADED BY: Mr. Carlo Donat Cattin, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

Other members: Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Health
Ministry of the Interior
Ministry of Public Construction
Ministry of Social Affairs
Ministry of Tourism and Public Entertainment
Ministry of Transportation

The organizational structure of the coordinating mechanism is provided below.

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The National Commission participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific activities include: advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; research; maintenance of a reference centre; and publication of studies.

Through the Working Group on International Questions, which is to be formed soon, information will be exchanged with other national coordinating mechanisms.

ITALY (continued)

STRUCTURE OF THE BODY

PRESIDENT: Minister of Labour or Under-Secretary of State

VICE-PRESIDENT: Director-General for Labour Relations

COORDINATOR OF WORKING GROUPS: Now foreseen

WORKING GROUP 1

Monitoring of the Status of the Ageing

WORKING GROUP 2

Income and Employment of the Ageing

WORKING GROUP 3

Health and Social Services

WORKING GROUP 4

Rights of the Ageing

WORKING GROUP 5

International problems

JAMAICA

National Council for the Aged
16 Ripon Road
Kingston 5
Jamaica

Telephone: 929-7758

HEADED BY: Ms. Sybil E. Francis, Chairperson

ENQUIRIES: Ms. Pansy Archer, Executive Secretary
National Council for the Aged

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Sports

Other members: Ministry of Health
Ministry of Youth
Nurses Association of Jamaica
University of the West Indies
Jamaica Council of Churches
Radio Jamaica Limited
Hyacinth Lightbourne Visiting Nurse Service

NATURE: Governmental and non-governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The National Council for the Aged participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; and advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly.

Specific activities include the organization and support of Golden Age Clubs island-wide, with programmes of education, recreation, mutual support and community service.

The National Council for the Aged exchanges information with other national coordinating mechanisms and international agencies.

JAPAN

Ministerial Council on Policy for a Society of Longevity

HEADED BY: Ms. Mayumi Moriyama, Chief Cabinet Secretary

ENQUIRIES: Social Cooperation Division
United Nations Bureau
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, Japan

Policy Office for the Aged
Management and Coordination Agency
3-1-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, Japan

Social Policy Division
Social Policy Bureau
Economic Planning Agency
3-1-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, Japan

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring body: Management and Coordinating Agency, Economic Planning Agency

Other members: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Ministry of Construction
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Health and Welfare
Ministry of Home Affairs
Ministry of International Trade and Industry
Ministry of Justice
Ministry of Labour
Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications
Ministry of Transport
National Public Safety Commission
Agencies for Science and Technology, Management and Coordination, Economic Planning, Environment, and National Land
Cabinet Secretariat

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

Ageing-specific functions of the Ministerial Council on Policy for a Society of Longevity include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; and coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing.

KENYA

Social Welfare Division
Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 30276
Nairobi
Kenya

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Telex: JAMAA, NAIROBI

HEADED BY: Mr. J.K.E. Chemoiywa, Commissioner for Social Services

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring body: Ministry of Culture and Social Services

Other members: Ministry of Cooperative and National Development
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Labour
Ministry of Planning

NATURE: Governmental and non-governmental (including organizations of the elderly)

FUNCTIONS:

The Social Welfare Division participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; research; publication of studies; and training.

KIRIBATI

Community Affairs Division
Ministry of Home Affairs and Decentralization
Bairiki, Tarawa
Kiribati Telephone: 21092

HEADED BY: Mr. Nanimatang Karoua, Senior Community Affairs Officer

ENQUIRIES: Mr. Nakibae Tluatabo, Ministry of Home Affairs and Decentralization

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring body: Ministry of Home Affairs

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The Community Affairs Division participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; and advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly.

KUWAIT

Disabled Welfare Department
Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour
Sulaibeekhat-Al-Edam Ring Road
Social Care Homes Complex
Kuwait
Telephone: 487-5190

HEADED BY: Ms. Zainab Hamed Aman, Director

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

Other members: Ministry of Public Health

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The Disabled Welfare Department participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes on ageing.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; training; and research.

The Department exchanges information with national coordinating mechanisms in Arab and other countries.

LESOTHO

National Coordinating Mechanism on Ageing
Department of Social Welfare
P.O. Box 174
Maseru 100
Lesotho

HEADED BY: Ms. T. M. Mokhobo, Chief, Social Welfare and Pensions Office

LIECHTENSTEIN

Ministère des questions sociales et de la santé publique
(Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Health)
Regierungsgebäude
FL-9490 Vaduz
Liechtenstein

Telephone: 075/66-111
Telex: 889290 REPI FL

HEADED BY: Dr. Peter Wolff, Regierungsrat

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Health

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; training; and research.

MALAWI

Social Welfare Section
Ministry of Community Services
Private Bag 330
Lilongwe 3
Malawi

Telephone: 732 222
Telex: 44361

HEADED BY: Ms. E. J. Kalyati, Secretary for Community Services

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring body: Ministry of Community Services

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The Ministry of Community Services participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities; and exchange of information with other national coordinating mechanisms and United Nations agencies.

MALI

Ministère de la santé publique et des affaires sociales
(Ministry of Public Health and Social Affairs)
Direction nationale des affaires sociales
B.P. 174
Bamako
Mali

Telephone: 22 42 32
Telex: 2429 Pharmapro - Bamako

HEADED BY: Mr. Gaoussou Traore, Chef de la Division de la Protection de la Famille (Chief, Division of Family Welfare)

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The Ministry of Public Health and Social Affairs participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; research; and maintenance of a reference centre.

MALTA

Parliamentary Secretary for the Care of the Elderly*
Valletta
Malta

*Profile under formulation.

MEXICO

Instituto Nacional de la Senectud
(National Institute of Old Age)
Concepción Béistegui 13
Col. Del Valle
C.P. 03100
México, D.F.
México

Telephone: 523 91 11

HEADED BY: Mr. Euquerio Guerrero López, Director-General

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Department of Health

Other members: Department of the Controller-General of the Federation
Department of Programming and Budget
Department of Public Education
Department of the Treasury and Public Credit
Department of Urban Development and Ecology
National System for the Comprehensive Development of the Family

An organizational chart is provided below.

NATURE: Decentralized agency of the Federal Government

FUNCTIONS:

The National Institute of Old Age participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; research; maintenance of a reference centre; publication of newsletters; and training.

Information is exchanged with other national coordinating mechanisms in Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Uruguay and Venezuela.